

**MINUTES
COLUMBUS PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 14, 2010 AT 4:00 P.M.
MEETING HALL, CITY HALL
123 WASHINGTON STREET
COLUMBUS, INDIANA**

Members Present: Bryan Haza,(President), Dick Gaynor, John Hatter, Dave Fisher, Dennis Crider, Steve Ruble, and Roger Lang.

Members Absent: Tom Wetherald, Dave Bonnell, Ann DeVore, Brian Russell, and Tom Finke (Bartholomew County Liaison).

Staff Present: Laura Thayer, Heather Pope, Rae-Leigh Stark, Sondra Bohn, Emilie Pannell, and Alan Whitted (Deputy City Attorney).

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Crider made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gaynor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

None

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

C/MP-09-02: Commerce Park Replat of Lot 20 Minor Subdivision – A request by Behler Holdings for a modification from Section 16.12.050 of the Subdivision Control Ordinance requiring that all minor subdivision plats meet the conditions of primary approval within 120 days. The owner is requesting a one-year extension for secondary approval. The property is located at 3550 North National Road, in the City of Columbus.

Ms. Stark stated that they have requested an extension of one year to gain secondary approval of this petition.

Mr. Tim Allen with Independent Land Surveying represented the petitioner.

Mr. Allen stated that due to economic times, the perspective buyer for the subject property fell through and there is currently no buyer for the property. He stated they were asking for the extension of 1 year to gain secondary approval of this petition.

Mr. Haza opened the meeting to the public.

There one no one to speak for or against this request.

Mr. Haza closed the meeting to the public.

Ms. Thayer stated that staff has no objections to this request.

Motion: Mr. Ruble made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Crider seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation by Kent Anderson, Director of the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO).

Mr. Anderson gave a brief explanation of what an MPO Department does for the community, He stated his office does transportation planning and is federally funded from the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration. Having an MPO is a requirement for receiving certain federal transportation dollars.

Mr. Anderson stated that MPO is required to have three basic products. The first is a twenty-five year Transportation Plan, the second is a five year Transportation Improvement Program,(TIP), and the third product is a Work Program. The TIP implements the Transportation Plan. The Work Program outlines the planning studies and work items of the MPO for the year.

The Transportation Plan is updated every five years. The TIP and work program are updated annually and the Plan and TIP cover all modes of transportation.

Mr. Anderson stated with the planning requirements also come funds to implement the plans. Via the MPO, the Columbus area now receives annually approximately 1.6 million dollars of STP funds (used to reconstruct streets such as the 17th Street project), \$150,000 of Transportation Enhancement funds (used for trail building for example), \$100,000 of safety funds, and approximately \$180,000 of funds that fund the MPO department and the activities it undertakes. Project selection of road projects is now a local decision in the hands of the MPO Policy Board.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Mayor, the President of the City and County Councils, a County Commissioner, and the Presidents of the Plan Commissions are members of the MPO Policy Board.

LIASION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 4:40 p.m.

Bryan Haza, President

Steven T. Ruble, Secretary